

## HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met September 4, 2007, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Arnold.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Robert Rye.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster Robert Rye and Daniel Wagoner. Robert Humiston was absent. Also present was a representative from the Grand Island Independent and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING LAW – Chairman Arnold read the notice of the open meeting law.

CONSENT AGENDA – Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Placed on file the minutes of the August 21, 2007 meeting
2. 10 Approved Resolution #07-062 For the exchange of collateral for Tier One Bank in the amount of \$550,000.00
3. 16 Placed on file communications from Regional Planning
4. 17 Approved the biweekly pay claims and authorized the County Clerk to pay
5. 19 Placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
6. 20 Placed on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Humiston absent. Motion carried.

11. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2007 AS "PREPAREDNESS MONTH" – Emergency Management Director Jon Rosenlund was present he stated that September has been designated as national preparedness month. He stated that it is vital that government take vital steps to be prepared for emergencies. He also encourage everyone to look at the own homes to take step to be prepared in our homes and vehicles. Hall County has experienced several natural disasters, the 1980 tornado, the flood and ice storms. He also noted that the work place should have an evacuation plan and the public should know the evacuation routes.

Lancaster made a motion and Rye seconded to approve Resolution # 07-0063 Designating September 2007 as Preparedness Month. Arnold, Eriksen, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Humiston absent. Motion carried.

Held a Board of Equalization meeting from 9:05 a.m. to 9:35 a.m.

7 SENATOR ANNETTE DUBAS LEGISLATION UPDATE – Senator Dubas stated that when she was campaigning she attended various board meetings and this was helped her to understand local issues. This session the majority of the time was spent on the budget issues. She has heard from the public that property taxes are local issue and many times the State mandates county duties and the counties are responsible for the funding. The State did approve providing 5 million dollars in state aid to counties and 1.4 million dollars in other funding. She stated that she will be holding a public meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup> in Aurora and Central City regarding issues and concerns of the local boards and the public and she encouraged the board to attend. She appreciates responses directly from the public.

Senator Dubas stated that the recreation liability law was approved but there was a lot of debate but this addresses where the liability lies, if a fee is charged then you would have the liability.

The inheritance tax issue was supposed to be revenue neutral to the counties but that has not been determined at this time and she would welcome information from the counties regarding this.

She stated that another big issue was the railroad crossing bill and it is still in committee. On October 24 she will have a meeting at City Hall regarding this issue and invited the public to share their concerns. She will also hold a meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup> at Broken Bow. The railroad corridor in Nebraska is one of the heaviest traveled in the nation and she hopes that they will be able to address the concern regarding closed crossing before there has to be legislation to address this.

She stated that these are some of the issues and encouraged the board to contact her.

Lancaster stated that she appreciated the fact the she is responsive to county issues. very few representatives have a background in county government. She also expressed concern on the inheritance tax issue, if this is lost it will be a threat to county government.

Eriksen also thanked Senator Dubas for her work and he also stated that the state should reimburse the counties for the services that they provide. He noted that there is legislation that would require County assessors to inspect every property every 6 years and this would be additional expense to the county. The county only has one source of revenue and if expenses increase in one area services decrease in another.

Senator Dubas encouraged the board to contact her by e mail this is a big help to her.

Arnold also stated he appreciated to her responsiveness to counties.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Arnold called for public participation and no one responded.

6 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AMENDMENT #2 TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Theresa Anderson with the Central District Health Department was present. The current central

district health department was formed in 2002 and became a 3 county health department and at that time the City of Grand Island was the fiscal agent and handled the payroll for the department. It was a good fit at that time but Dave Springer contacted her last year to address the health department becoming independent and secure their own benefit package. Effective October 1 the health department will take all of the financial duties in house. They have a fiscal clerk and a process in place to do this. Because of these changes it is necessary to make changes on the interlocal agreement and this amendment addresses those changes.

Eriksen made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve Amendment #2 to the interlocal agreement with the Central District Health Department and authorize the Chair to sign. Arnold, Eriksen, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Humiston absent. Motion carried.

Held a Board of Corrections meeting 10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

12 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AMENDMENT B OF CURRENT VENDING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN HALL COUNTY AND NEBRASKA COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED – The vending service provider has requested an increase on the prices of candy from 60 cents to 75 cents and the attached amendment addresses this change.

Lancaster made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve attachment b to the vending service contract and authorize the chair to sign. Arnold, Eriksen, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Humiston absent. Motion carried.

13 CORRECTIONS STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS –  
a. APPROVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN The committee reviewed this agreement and Mr. Ruiz stated that there are no significant changes. Deputy County Michelle Oldham also reviewed the contract.

Lancaster made a motion and Rye seconded to approve the health care services agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. This was a committee recommendation. Eriksen questioned if there was a change in the compensation. Mr. Ruiz stated that there was and this was dependent on the number of inmates. Dr King had originally based the cost on the January date in the new facility but that did not happen. There is about \$1,000.00 difference. This contract has enabled them to keep costs down and the pharmacy contract has gone from \$11,000.00 or \$12,000.00 monthly to \$3,000.00 or \$4,000.00 monthly.

The vote on the motion was taken Arnold, Eriksen, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes Jeffries was absent for the vote and Wagoner abstained. Bob Humiston was absent. Motion carried.

13 b. APPROVE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR A JAIL PER DIEM STUDY AT HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT - The corrections steering committee recommended to approve this agreement to insure that the per diem rate that the corrections department charges is correct.

Lancaster made a motion and Rye seconded too approve the agreement with Maximus and authorize the chair to sign.

Eriksen asked Mr. Ruiz if the could do this internally but he stated that they are professional consultants and it would be a valid document and they would be able to do the comparisons. The corrections department will provide the information anyway.

The vote on the motion to approve the agreement with Maximus was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Lancaster, Jeffries, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Humiston absent. Motion carried.

8 10:30 a.m. PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY BUDGET – Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to open the public hearing on the Hall County Budget. Arnold, Eriksen, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Humiston absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Arnold called for public participation and no one responded. Brad Fegley was present. He stated that the advertisement in the newspaper is a recap of what has been discussed.

Chairman Arnold called for public participation again and no one responded.

Lancaster made a motion and Eriksen seconded to close the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Humiston absent. Motion carried.

8a DISCUSS AND APPROVE 1% ADDITIONAL ALLOWABLE INCREASE – This deals with the revenue lid and helps with subsequent year budgets.

Eriksen made a motion and Rye seconded to approve the 1% allowable increase. Arnold, Eriksen, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Humiston absent. Motion carried.

8b DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR HALL COUNTY BUDGET – Eriksen made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve Resolution #07-0064 approving the adoption and appropriations for the Hall County budget. Arnold, Eriksen, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and Wagoner voted no. Humiston was absent. Motion carried.

9. 10:35 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING FINAL TAX REQUEST FOR COUNTY BUDGET RATE – Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to open the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Humiston absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Arnold called for public participation and no one responded.

Lancaster made a motion and Eriksen seconded to close the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Humiston absent. Motion carried.

This resolution outlines the tax request for the levy rates.

Eriksen made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve Resolution #07-0065 A resolution setting the final tax request for Hall County. Lancaster stated that the county provides excellent services for the total cost of the budget. The board worked on this for weeks and she thanked Brad and Stacey for their help.

The vote on the motion to approve Resolution #07-0065 was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Humiston absent. Motion carried.

14 SET DATE AND TIME FOR ARCHITECT INTERVIEWS FOR COURT HOUSE REMODELING PROJECT – The facilities committee met with Judge Livingston and they discussed the concerns. Lancaster stated that Hall County does not have a lot of options regarding space and it is important to do this project efficiently. The county needs assistance on the renovations and there will be some security issues that need to be addressed. The committee recommends setting a date and time for interviews of the architects. Discussion was held to advertise and set the interview time for September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to set the date for the interviews for September 18<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and have the request due by September 13 at 5:00 p.m. The interviews would start at 1:30 p.m. The board directed Stacy Ruzicka to advertise and set the interview schedule. Arnold, Eriksen, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Humiston absent. Motion carried.

15 DISCUSS AND APPROVE PLANS FOR MOVING IT SERVER ROOM AND OFFICES TO SAFETY CENTER – Lancaster stated that the current IT server room is located beside the current corrections department and it will need to be cleared out for the office space and court room remodeling. If the server room remained there they would have to go through another office to get to it. There is a large amount of equipment and it may be costly to move all of it.

Lancaster made a motion and Wagoner seconded to instruct the IT Director to find out the cost of moving the server room and determine a time frame for the move. Wagoner stated that Doug and Josh looked at the area in the jail called the penthouse and felt that it would be usable for them.

Jeffries questioned if the area would be large enough and if it would include office space. Lancaster stated that for now they are addressing moving the equipment and the office space could be addressed later.

Eriksen questioned if this motion is to obtain cost estimates or is it the intent to move the equipment. Lancaster stated that it is the intent to move. The consultants included this in the space plan need.

Wagoner stated that there is a fence that would need to be removed and the security issues could be addressed.

Eriksen questioned if this is necessary because they may only need one courtroom instead of 2. He stated that he does not want to approve the commitment to move at this time.

Arnold stated that they may not need another courtroom but they will still need the office space.

The vote on the motion to direct the IT to obtain costs to move was taken. Arnold, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and Eriksen voted no with Humiston absent. Motion carried.

21 COMMITTEE OR BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Chairman Arnold called for committee or board member reports.

Lancaster – She stated that she attended the retirement part for Emmett Arnett. She also stated that there will be another Courthouse tour on Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4. The Senior Citizens will be participating in the “junk jaunt” as a fund raiser and are requesting donated items.

Arnold stated that most of the other committee meetings have been covered.

Eriksen noted that the committee needs to meet to discuss the interviews for the architects to decide what the board wants to see.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. the next meeting will be September 18, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk